

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 664

By Fraley

A RESOLUTION to recognize Ms. Sadie A. Chandler on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those persons who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sadie A. Chandler is one such estimable person who has served with probity for thirty-six years as a professional educator; and

WHEREAS, of those thirty-six years, Ms. Chandler completed the first thirteen and one-half years teaching Franklin County's school children, and for the past twenty-two and one-half years, she has worked with the Tennessee Department of Education's Training and Professional Development division as the Director of Teacher Leadership; and

WHEREAS, during her astute tenure as an educator and administrator, Ms. Chandler states that she has been surrounded by professional educators who are genuinely concerned about the progress of children in Tennessee's public schools and teachers who are entrusted with their daily care and instruction, but the selfless and humble Ms. Sadie Chandler fails to acknowledge her own professionalism that has touched the lives of so many children in this state; and

WHEREAS, this teacher has traveled an estimated one million miles during her tenure with the Department of Education, burned approximately \$50,000 worth of gasoline, and served under eight Commissioners of Education, including Vernon E. Coffey, Jane Walters, Wayne Qualls, Charles Smith, Robert McElrath, Ed Cox, Otis Floyd, and Sam Ingram; and

WHEREAS, she has held seven directorships with the state during her more than twenty-two years, including as the Director of: Career Education, Inservice Education, Professional Development, Staff Development, Career Development, Teacher Academies, and finally, Teacher Leadership; and

WHEREAS, she has seen such major programs implemented as Career Education, Tennessee Instructional Model, Skills Enhancement Workshops, Career Development Workshops, Positive Attitudes in Tennessee Schools, Governor's Academies for Teachers of Writing and Foreign Languages, Tennessee Teacher of the Year Program, Apple for the Teacher Award, and Coordinator/Scheduler of Gateway Consultants and Summer Institutes; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chandler is an active and important part of the community and her profession, as she has touched the lives of many individuals, especially those of our future leaders; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sadie Chandler exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career as an educator and administrator, Ms. Chandler has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their fullest potential, winning the respect and admiration of his peers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Ms. Sadie Chandler our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.